

This WEEK in the Missouri House

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Committee Updates...

- **Transportation Committee** heard legislation (HB 1423) that would require convicted drunk drivers in Missouri to use ignition interlock devices to start their cars. (1.22.08)
- **Elementary and Secondary Education Committee** heard a bill (HB 1314) that would create the Amy Hestir Davis Student Protection Act, aimed at protecting Missouri students from teacher misconduct. (1.23.08)
- **Special Committee on Immigration** heard several bills, including one (HB 1463), which would prohibit the admission of unlawfully present aliens to public institutions of higher education. (1.23.08)

Floor Action...

On 1/22/08, the following bills were third read and passed:

- HB 2015 - \$6.4 million from state general revenue funds to the Utilicare Stabilization Fund.
- HB 2021 - \$10 million for the Missouri Department of Conservation for various building projects.
- HB 2022 - \$1.9 million for MOSMART

Did you know?

Missouri has held legislative proceedings in four Missouri cities - first meeting in St. Louis, then St. Charles and currently convening in Jefferson City. Legislators also met in Neosho during the Civil War.



More Committee Updates...

- **Ways and Means** heard several additional property tax bills, including one (HB 1365) that would authorize a tax credit for certain elderly and disabled individuals and certain veterans for real property taxes paid. (1.24.08)
- **Special Committee on Health Care Transformation** held three hearings to study Insure Missouri.

For more information, including video and audio stories, visit www.house.mo.gov and explore the Media Center.

Fast Facts:

- House districts comprise approximately 33,000 to 35,000 Missourians
- Assuming continuous re-election, 69 members will not be eligible to run for the House in the 2010 election; 42 Republicans and 27 Democrats
- On Feb. 5th, three special elections are scheduled for districts 16, 65 and 158
- Missouri has had 68 Speakers of the House in its history, compared with 54 Governors

House Actions as of 1/28/08 2:00 p.m.

House Bills Filed 2008 596

House Bills Referred to Committee 2008 240

House Bills Perfected 2008 3

House Bills Third Read 2008 3

of House Committees (Standing and Special) 50

of House Bills Filed 2007 1,298*

*corrected number

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- Feb 5 - Joint Session - State of the Judiciary Address - 10:30 a.m.
- Feb 6 - Joint Session - State of Transportation Address - 10:30 a.m.
- March 13 - Spring break begins
- March 25 - Spring/Easter break ends - Reconvene at 4:00 p.m.
- April 1 - Last Day for Introduction of Bills
- April 15 - Deadline for Senate consent bills to be placed upon the consent calendar
- May 9 - Appropriation Bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed - 6:00 p.m.
- May 16 - Session Ends - 6:00 p.m.

Photo of the Week:

Rep. LeVota, new House Minority Floor leader, speaks during a press conference on government accountability.

